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| 10          | NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  |  |
| 11          | SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION   |  |
| 12          | RICHARD GAYTAN,  | ) No. C 07-6367 VRW                                      |
| 13          |  | )  |
| 14          | Plaintiff,   | )  |
| 15          | V.   | ) [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING<br>) DEFENDANT ELAINE CHAO'S |
| 16          | ELAINE CHAO, Secretary of Labor,   | NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION<br>TO DISMISS                |
| 17          | Defendant.   | ) Date: December 4, 2008                                 |
| 18          |  | Time: 2:30 p.m.<br>Hon. Vaughn R. Walker                 |
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| 21          | Defendant Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor's motion to dismiss having regularly come  |  |
| 22          | on for hearing before the Court, and having read and considered the papers submitted in support  |  |
| 23          | thereof and in opposition thereto, and the parties having been afforded the opportunity to be  |  |
| 24          | heard, and good cause appearing therefor,  |  |
| 25          | IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiff's claims   |  |
|             | about the Veteran's Judicial Review Act ("VJRA") and any other claims other than an alleged  |  |
| 26          | violation of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is granted with prejudice. The Court dismisses   |  |
| 27          |  |  |
| 28          | C 07-6367 VRW<br>[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS   |  |

Plaintiff's claims that the VJRA is unconstitutional on the grounds that:

- The Secretary of Labor is not a proper defendant for such a claim because it is the
  Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") and the Secretary of the VA who have
  responsibility for the VJRA
- 2. Plaintiff lacks standing under Article III of the United States Constitution and the rules for prudential standing because he does not allege any harm that he has suffered with regard to the VJRA and in fact explicitly alleges in his complaint that he has been determined to have a 100% disability rating from the VA. *See Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. Laidlaw Envtl. Servs. (TOC), Inc.*, 528 U.S. 167, 180-81 (2000); *Look v. United States*, 113 F.3d 1129, 1130 (9th Cir. 1997); *Elk Grove Sch. Dist. v. Newdow*, 542 U.S. 1, 11-12 (2004).
- 3. Plaintiff has not, and can not, allege any basis to show a waiver of sovereign immunity so as to allow his claim to proceed. *See, e.g., Dep't of the Army v. Blue Fox, Inc.*, 525 U.S. 255, 261 (1999).

The Court also dismisses Plaintiff's claims other than an alleged violation of the Rehabilitation Act, including, but not limited to Plaintiff's claims that "Undo Justice Aggravated PTSD," "Unwarrented [sic] Memorandum by Georgia Martin," "Unwarrented [sic] Memorandum and Methods by Sarah Nelson" and "Wrongful Termination Based on PTSD by Woody Gilliland." *See* Complaint at pages 6-9; *Balisteri v. Pacifica Police Dep't*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990) (court should grant a motion under Rule 12(b)(6) when there is either a "lack of cognizable legal theory" or the "absence of sufficient facts alleged under a cognizable legal theory").

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:

Hon. Vaughn R. Walker

United States District Chief Judge

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